

MONTHLY PLANNING DEPUTIES MEETING

County of Los Angeles

MEETING PLACE: Room 864, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

MEETING DATE: Thursday, June 14, 2012

TIME: 3:30 P.M.

I - DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING

1. Green Building Discussion of Titles 22 & 31
2. Historic Preservation, Historic Cultural Resources Survey, Mills Act
(P. Estes)
3. Ambulance Services in the County (K. Lafferty)

II - PUBLIC COMMENT

4. Public comment pursuant to Section 54954.3 of the Government Code

III - NEXT MEETING

July 12, 2012

Upcoming BOS Hearings:

- No items scheduled at this time.

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Study on Ambulance Services within Unincorporated Los Angeles County

Background on Regulations for Ambulance Services within the County

- Four ambulance providers have contracts with the County (Department of Health Services) to provide services to the unincorporated areas of the County.
- Ambulance service companies that are contracted to respond to 911 calls must have a response time of 8 minutes 59 seconds.
- Ambulance service representatives have expressed concern that due to our current zoning requirements for where these services are permitted, they cannot meet their required response time.
- In several zones a conditional use permit is required; this process is time consuming when ambulance services are required to serve a neighborhood.
- Ambulance service facilities are not permitted at all in neighborhood business areas where placement is required to meet required response time.
- In some instances ambulance drivers have been parking in parking lots for 24 hours to service certain communities, or ambulance service providers are housing their employees at locations where they can meet the response times.

Current Regulations in Title 22 (Zoning Ordinance) for Ambulance Services

- The Zoning Ordinance lists “ambulance services” as a service use, but does not provide a definition of the use.
- Ambulance services require a conditional use permit in zones Unlimited Commercial (C-3) and Commercial Manufacturing (C-M).
- Ambulance services are permitted in zones Restricted Heavy Manufacturing (M-1½), Heavy Manufacturing (M-2), and Unclassified (M-3).

Definition of Ambulance Services

The Zoning Ordinance does not provide a definition of ambulance services; however, the category of “ambulance services” includes three types of facilities and services provided:

- *Transfer services* – ambulances that are dispatched primarily for transportation of individuals on a non-emergency basis.
- *Ambulance Services – Headquarters* – A base facility where ambulances are stored, and from which they are dispatched. Includes ambulance vehicles and crews not based at a hospital or fire department standing ready for emergency calls. A 24-hour facility that can include sleeping facilities, showers, lockers, and lunchroom. Washing and maintenance of the ambulances may also be done at the headquarter facilities. Ambulances that are used for transfer services are stored at this facility, until they are dispatched for use.
- *Ambulance Services - Satellite Offices* – A facility where ambulances respond to 911 calls where not more than two ambulances are stored, and from which they are dispatched. A 24-hour facility that can include sleeping facilities, showers, lockers, and lunchroom.

Options to Consider in Modifying the Zoning Ordinance

1. Provide definitions of Headquarters and Satellite Offices
2. Retain existing regulations and apply to **Ambulance Services – Headquarters**.
3. Add zone C-H requiring a conditional use permit, and permitted in zone M-1; **Ambulance Services – Headquarters** would be permitted as follows:

- a. Require a conditional use permit in zones C-H, C-3 and C-M
 - b. Permitted in zones M-1, M-1.5, M-2, and M-3
4. Provide additional development regulations for placement of **Ambulance Services – Satellite Offices** and permitted in zones as follows:
- a. Require a conditional use permit in zone C-1
 - b. Permitted in zone C-2, subject to the following development standards:
 - i. Must be contracted with the County to provide 911 response services; and
 - ii. No more than two ambulances may be stored at the site.
 - c. Permitted in zones C-H, C-3, C-M, C-H, M-1, M-1.5, M-2, M-3

Survey of Local Counties

County	Permit Requirement	Zone
Los Angeles	Conditional Use Permit	C-3 (Unlimited Commercial, C-M (Commercial Manufacturing))
	Permitted	M-1½ (Restricted Heavy Manufacturing), M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing), M-3 (Unclassified)
Kern	Conditional Use Permit	E (Estate District), R-1 (Low Density Residential), R-2 (Medium Density Residential), R-3 (High Density Residential), CO (Commercial Office), C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial), PL (Platted Land)
	Permitted	C-2 (General Commercial), C-H (Highway Commercial), M-1 (Light Industrial), M-2 (Medium Industrial), M-3 (Heavy Industrial)
San Bernardino	Minor Use Permit	IC (Community Industrial), IR (Regional Industrial), IN (Institutional), SD (Special Development)
	Permitted ¹	CS (Service Commercial), CH (Highway Commercial)
Ventura	Conditional Use Permit	CO (Commercial Office)
	Planning Development Permit	CPD (Commercial Planned Development), M1 (Industrial Park)
Riverside	Conditional Use Permit	R-3A (Village Tourist Residential)
	Permitted	C-1/C-P (General Commercial), C-P-S (Scenic Highway Commercial)
Orange ²	Conditional Use Permit	C-2 (General Business)

1. Conditional Use Permit required if maximum building coverage exceeds 10,000 sq. ft., the use will have more than 20 employees per shift, or if not exempt from CEQA.

2. Ambulance services are regulated by Fire Department; any submittal to Planning would be processed as a CUP.